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Commemorating the Dedication

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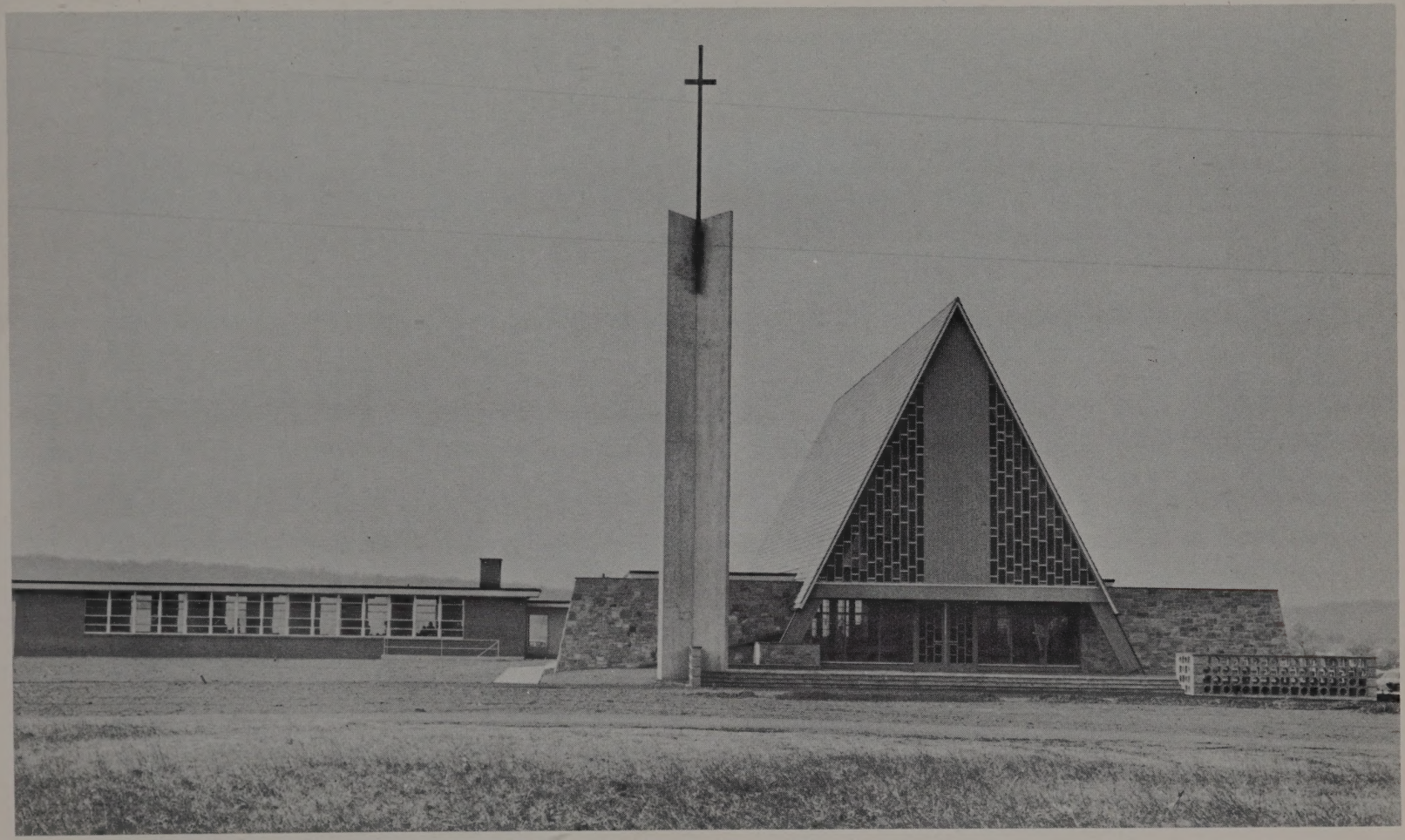


The New Swamp Lutheran Church

Harold F. Minnich — *Pastor*

Church Council

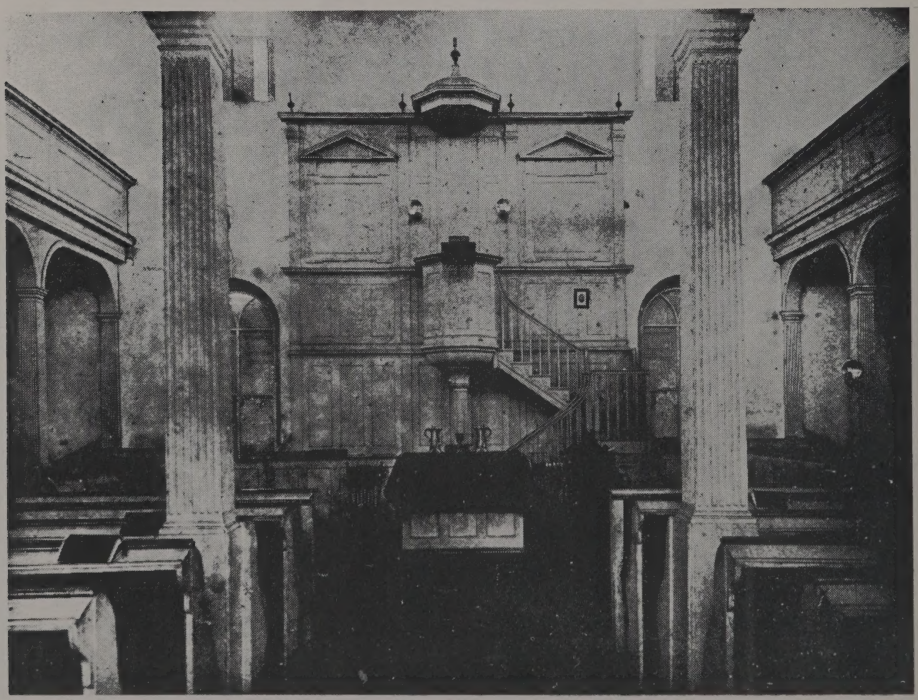
WE DO NOW SET APART THIS SWAMP EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AS A HOUSE OF GOD; AND DEDICATE IT TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD, AND TO THE SERVICE OF HIS HOLY CHURCH: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, yet Who art willing to have an House fashioned by man, wherein Thine honor dwelleth and where men may worship Thee: Of Thy love and mercy, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe Thy presence here that this Church which we have reared to the glory of Thy Name, and do now wholly devote and dedicate to Thee, may by Thee be accepted and hallowed, to the end that souls may here be gathered, nourished in Thy love, and made fruitful in Thy service; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

May we be clean as these lifted timbers are,
And strong as the steel that does its hidden task;
Renew our hearts, Lord God - - we would not mar
This holy place in any way. We ask
Thy blessing upon this new-built church that we
Have come to gladly dedicate to Thee.

By Grace Noll Crowell.

Swamp Church — Where We Worshipped for 150 Years



Interior of Church Before 1891

Swamp Lutheran Church History

Let us turn back the hands of time. Back - - - back to the days when our country was in its babyhood - - - to the days of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and William Penn.

In 1680, Charles II granted William Penn a territory in the wilderness land of America which he called "Penn's Woods" in honor of his father. William Penn was a very foresighted man, and made careful and detailed plans for the development of this territory. In his "Penn's Woods" he saw the fulfillment of many wonderful dreams of a free world where men could live and worship as they pleased. He realized that this new land must have a freedom of religion and must be built on religious foundations. Therefore, he was tolerant of all religions and he encouraged the growth of other churches besides his own. After Penn's death, his sons pursued his love of Pennsylvania, and carried out many of his plans. It therefore came about that on May 22, 1755 the sons of William Penn deeded a tract of land called "Swamp Church Ground" to the Calvinists (Reformed congregation) who had formerly been meeting in the home of Michael Amweg. On this ground a log church was erected near the location of the present edifice. In 1806 the present church was built by the joint efforts of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations, and from this year the Lutheran congregation dates its existence.

When the Swamp Lutheran congregation was first organized is not definitely known. The date of organization may be 1806 as written by a former Pastor, Rev. D. L. Fogelman. However, in Ellis and Evans "The History of Lancaster County", published in 1883, the date of the congregation's founding has been set at the year 1774, and this book states that services were held "in an old church which stood nearly on the same site as the present one". The earliest available record is dated 1808, but this record is very incomplete. We may assume that perhaps earlier records have been lost or in some cases may never have been written down.

Since very little is known of the early history of Swamp Lutheran Church before 1808, due to the loss of these early records, we must use our imaginations to fill in the events of these years. Early records testify that the congregation was served by "traveling preachers" until 1809 when Rev. John Plitt became the pastor. Perhaps our former congregations had a quite colorful and exciting past as we can imagine such men as Henry Muhlenberg stopping off occasionally to preach and minister to them. In early history books we read that he served as a "traveling preacher", and there is a great possibility that he may have stopped at Swamp since he was serving in this area of the country. We may also assume (from information passed on by word of mouth) that when the congregation did not have a "traveling preacher" for the services, one of the local men of the congregation would preach the sermon and conduct the service. These men also conducted funeral services and other services when the "traveling preachers" could not come due to inclement weather or other reasons.

What about the early church? Where did the congregation first meet? We can only imagine that a small group of people, finding the need for church services and being too far from the nearest church, decided to hold services themselves. They probably first met in one of the member's homes, and perhaps alternated meeting places to the various homes as we do class meetings. Then, possibly, as the congregation grew larger, there was not enough room in the private homes so they decided to build a church. It would probably have been a log church, since that was the type of building in those days. The location is not known, but we will assume that it was somewhere near the present church. People of many different beliefs, all desiring to worship in their own way, organized many similar worship groups in the new world. The Calvinists or Reformed congregation also met nearby in a log cabin built to serve as a church on the ground which the sons of William Penn had deeded to them. In 1806, the present church was erected. Some historians say the Lutherans joined the Reformed people in building this structure and others say that the Lutherans worshipped in the same building as the Reformed congregation in the year 1809.

The earliest record book of "Kirchenbuch" which has been found (written in beautiful German manuscript) lists the first baptism for the year 1808 as Elisabeth Walters, daughter of John and Sara Walters, born on May 25th, 1808, and baptized on August 14th, 1808. This same "Kirchenbuch" also lists the names of twenty people who were Confirmants and Communicants in November of 1807. The Kirchenbuch states: "1808 the 14th of August - - - A collection was taken for the traveling preacher - - - $2.76½." Several years later another item states that a collection amounting to $8.70 was held for the traveling preacher. For October 9th, 1808, eleven people are listed as Communicants and Confirmants.

Records testify that the congregation was served by "traveling preachers" until 1809, when the Rev. John Plitt became the Pastor. On December 3, 1809, Jacob Kegerreis and Henry Reinholds (Deacons) made "settlement". There was charity money to the amount of

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Pastor Plitt served until 1812. From the date 1812, when Pastor Plitt left, until 1849, the records are very incomplete. All we know is that during that time the congregation was served by the following pastors: Rev. William Batis, Rev. Peter Filbert, Rev. Schultze, Rev. Miller, and Rev. Christoph Frederick.

The "Kirchenbuch" shows the settlement amounts for the following years as follows:

March 10th, 1811 5 - 10 - 7½

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December 26th, 1812 L 7½ - 14 - 11½ Charity money balance

"April 9, 1815, the "Kirchenbuch" states, "John Harting and Jacob Palm (Deacons) was a church settlement made and remained from all the charity money the sum of L 14.5 - 7."

May 17, 1818 $2.35½

May 19, 1823 $5.70½ sum which remained from the charity money.

The "Kirchenbuch" lists visiting preachers for 1842 as follows:

"Christoph Friedrich of Lehigh Co., Pa.
Preached June 7th, 1842.

Peter Schnurer of Adams Co., Pa.

Bnorg. M. Mertz of Dauphin Co., Pa.
Preached June 21st, 1842."

It also states: "There was an election held between above preachers June 26th, 1842 in five parishes, namely, Warwich, Kiselberg, Manheim, Weisingers, and here in Swamp. These 5 parishes voted together with the result was, that Christoph Friedrich had the majority and elected as pastor. He held his entrance sermon on August 14th, 1842 here in Swamp."

In 1849 Rev. Thomas T. Jaeger became the Pastor, and at his first Communion Service there were seventy-one present to partake of the Lord's Supper. The congregation's next Pastor was the Rev. Charles Rees, who served from 1852 to 1864. During this period there were never more than thirty-six members communing in a single year.

From 1864 to 1868 the congregation was served by Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, Rev. S. R. Boyer, and Rev. M. Harpel. In 1869 G. H. Trabert, a theological student, served as supply pastor. He was elected permanent Pastor in 1870. The welfare of the congregation was in Pastor Trabert's charge for four years. In 1874, the sixty-seven communicant members of Swamp called the Rev. C. A. Fetzer as Pastor, who served in this capacity until 1881, when the Rev. E. S. Brownmiller was installed. In the notes of the "Kirchenbuch" for March 18th, 1875, this was stated: "The following members were duly elected for the serve and ensuing year — viz — Joel Wiest and Saml. K. Sweigart as Elders — and as deacons — Reuben K. Winter and Jacob Leininger as Trustees upon the Lutheran congregation — Levi W. Mentzer for 2 years — Jeremiah Gerhart — 1 year.

Appoint as Treasurer and Secretary
Levi W. Mentzer

Resolved
by a unanimous vote that hereafter every year in the month of March an election shall be held for two Deacons and every two years for two Elders."

In 1888 the Ephrata Charge consisted of Swamp, Lincoln, Schoeneck, and Ephrata. This group later was separated to the present three churches in the Lincoln Charge.

The Rev. E. S. Brownmiller was pastor until 1889, when he accepted a call to serve a parish in Berks County. The Rev. J. O. Leibensperger served the congregation from 1889 to 1901. During this time the membership of Swamp Church increased to 225 communicant members. During the pastorate of Rev. Leibensperger in the year 1891, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denver was recognized as a member of the Lincoln Parish.

When Pastor Leibensperger accepted a call to Bethlehem, the congregation, in January, 1902, elected the Rev. D. L. Fogelman to fill the pastorate.

The only son Swamp gave to the ministry, Roy Lutz Winters, was confirmed by Rev. Fogelman in October of 1912. Dr. Winters was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1924.

Several drastic changes in the service and management of the church took place during the pastorate of Rev. Fogelman. On March 30, 1913, at a meeting of the church council it was moved, seconded, and carried to use the envelope system to collect the money for the Pastor's salary, organist and for missions. On May 10, 1914, at a meeting of the Council, it was unanimously voted that hereafter all the afternoon services shall be conducted in the English language. On May 20, 1917, the Council ordered and directed that we are to have hereafter two English services to one in German. On May 4, 1921, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denver requested a division, affected on May 30, 1921. In 1929 the Lutheran Choir was organized with Catharine Gockley as organist and Frank Winter as director. Heretofore the choir had been a Union Choir with Jacob Gelsinger as the organist and Alvin Mentzer as lead singer.

For 127 years the Swamp Church retained its antique lines intact. However, when the time came to celebrate the 100th anniversary, it was decided, in order to memorialize the occasion, that renovations to the exterior and interior should be made. These resolutions were carried out and in 1906 special services of rededication were held. Again in June, 1931, appropriate services were held in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the erection of the Swamp Church. In the early part of the year of 1933, constructive sentiment on the part of both the Lutheran and Reformed congregations resulted in the construction of an annex to the building. A heating plant was installed in the basement. An organ, choir loft, and altar were placed in the first floor front, the rear being set aside as a primary room. The second floor rear was designed as a choir room. The nave of the church was also renovated. The walls and ceiling received a sand tan finish; the woodwork was enameled in white and dark; new furniture in the colonial style was purchased, and new lighting fixtures were installed. To further carry out the colonial type of architecture, a portico was added to the front of the church. Appropriate services of rededication were held October 29, 1933.

In 1927, the Blainsport Union Sunday School petitioned the officers of Swamp Church for permission to hold worship services in the church. The officers agreed, and in the latter part of 1927 the Sunday School moved its equipment from the Blainsport public school building, where it was worshipping, to the Swamp Church.

Pastor Fogelman administered to the congregation's needs until his demise in December, 1935. In May, 1936, our present pastor, The Rev. Harold F. Minnich, was called and June witnessed his installation.

On June 21, 1936, the Installation Service was conducted by Rev. Frank Croman, Elizabethtown, President of the Lancaster Con-

ference. An added feature was singing by the Parish Joint Choirs and a quartet consisting of Elmer Willwerth, William Getz, Richard Miller and Frank Winter.

In July of 1936 the first bulletins were published in the church. The quarterly financial reports were also published in the bulletins.

On September 27th of the same year, the organ was dedicated by the Union Church. Rev. Martin Schweitzer was the Pastor for the Reformed Church and Rev. Harold Minnich of the Lutheran Church. The organ was an M. P. Mollar Two Manual Pipe Organ.

On Christmas Day of 1936 the first Christmas Dawn Service was held at 6:00 A. M. At this service, the Junior Choir also made its first appearance.

Through the efforts of the Sunday School, a social building was erected on the Swamp Church Grounds in 1936. This building served as a primary department room, as well as a room for social activities.

An illustrated Lenten Service consisting of sixty slides was presented on February 10, 1937. This was the first of the Mid-Week Lenten Services and was held on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 P. M.

April 11th, 1937, marked the publication of the Communion receipts on the church bulletins as well as the quarterly financial reports.

New Hymn Books with words and music for all hymns were purchased April 25th, 1937.

New Anthem Books were distributed to the Junior Choir on June 16, 1937, and on August 1st of the same year the Junior Choir took charge of the church service.

In October of 1938, with the help of the Church Council, the Choir purchased black cassocks and white cottas for all its members.

An Altar Desk was presented to the Swamp Church by the "Organized For Service" Class of the Swamp Union Sunday School on April 9, 1939.

On August 13, 1939, the first parish Home-Coming Services were introduced at Swamp Church. Since they have become a traditional August event.

In June of 1942 our congregation was the 62nd in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to subscribe to the United Appeal quota in full.

Feeling the need for a larger Church Council, a resolution was passed at the October meeting to increase the number to ten. As a result the election of two Councilmen was held Saturday, October 24, 1942, at the close of the Preparatory Services.

At the Communion Service the following day, 364 members communed. This was the largest number of Communicants in the history of the congregation to date.

A Service Flag was dedicated on February 21, 1943. There were 33 names on the Swamp Lutheran Honor Roll and 32 enrolled for the Reformed Church.

In July of the same year the Swamp Lutheran congregation received a testimonial from the directors of the Lutheran World Action in recognition of the fact that we paid over 100% of our quota for the 1943 appeal.

In the years before 1943, the Choir provided the flowers for the Altar vases, the money being derived from a Memorial Day dinner fund. In response to an appeal to the congregation on November 21, 1943, members of the church have since furnished these flowers.

At this time our country was engaged in the Second World War, and many of our members were serving in the Armed Forces. In order to keep in touch with these members away from home, the Pastor and Councilmen wrote personal letters to them. The Pastor also encouraged all church members to write to them, sending each church member a list of the names and addresses of all those on the Service Honor Roll. At Christmas time our servicemen were not forgotten. Money was appropriated for a servicemens' gift fund, and a Christmas box and gift of money were sent to all those serving overseas and in United States camps.

Wartime shortages made it necessary to conserve paper. In order to comply with the War Production Board request to conserve paper, all the church reports for the month of August were printed on the bulletins of August 27, 1944.

The following announcement of a Victory Day Service appeared on the September 10, 1944 bulletin: "A prayer service will be held at Swamp Church one hour after the news of Victory in Europe is received. All in the community are invited to attend." Such a service was held on May 7, 1945.

On Christmas of 1944, all members and friends of the servicemen received cards with the pictures of the service men and women from the three churches in the Parish.

On the financial report for the year 1945 it was interesting to note that our Benevolence Apportionment had risen to 86%, this being the highest percentage to date. The records show the following years:

1936 — 16.4%
1944 — 71%
1945 — 86%

With the war still in progress, more of our men and women were being called to the Armed Forces. Not only the Pastor and Councilmen wrote letters to these people, but the members of the congregation also did. The addressed envelopes to servicemen which were given to members and friends encouraged their correspondence a great deal.

On July 1, 1945, our congregation witnessed a sad occasion. A gold star was placed on our Service Flag in memory of T/Sgt. Lester Earl Hirneisen, who was killed in France March 15, 1945.

The July 29, 1945 bulletin had the following announcement: "Prayer Services in this church one hour after the official announcement of Japan's capitulation is received."

Finally, after many long months of fighting, V. D. Day came, and the war at last was over. A Service of Thanksgiving at the end of the war was held on August 15, 1945, and a grateful congregation sang songs of thanksgiving and praise to a gracious God.

In a congratulatory letter from the Pastor, dated May 2, 1946, he stated that three records had been broken. It was stated that all previous records for Communion had been broken when a record 393 members received communion. At this time the largest offering on record was taken, the amount being $1,132.27. The first quarter church attendance record was also broken, with an average attendance of 284 over the 245 for the previous year.

The June 16, 1946 bulletin contained an appeal from the Fresh Air Committee asking local people to share their homes with other children. This appeal was met with great enthusiasm from our members.

August 11, 1946, was a memorable day for the Lincoln Parish. At the eighth annual Home-Coming Service we celebrated the Pastor's tenth anniversary as the Pastor of this charge. The occasion was celebrated with a program of special music and guest speakers. Another memorable event on the same day was the Veterans' Welcome Home Service, held at 3:40 that afternoon. Following the special service, there was a dinner in the social building for all the servicemen and their families.

On October 23, 1946, Swamp Church was host church to the Annual Synodical Rural Institute. Many preparations were made for a most successful meeting.

At the Christmas Dawn Service of 1946, the Parish Church Calendars were introduced. All members and friends of the Parish were given these most-welcomed gifts. This was the beginning of a fine tradition which has been carried on ever since.

On March 21, 1948, the Junior Choir made its first appearance in gowns at the evening service. Willing seamstresses in the congregation gave of their time and talents to make these gowns. The Junior Choir members, looking quite angelic in their new black robes and white cottas, were directed by Mrs. Verna Imber.

The Young Men's Class of the Swamp Union Sunday School presented the Church with the Eucharistic Lights on the Altar on May 9, 1948.

A fitting memorial to all our men and women who served in the Armed Forces was the beautiful band shell which was dedicated at a service held on Sunday, May 16, 1948 at 2:00 P. M. Everyone was quite thrilled with this fine band shell where many programs and services could be held.

On May 29, 1949, the Service Flag was retired in a special service in connection with the opening service of the Sunday School at 9:00 A. M. Rev. Smeltzer and Pastor Minnich participated in this service.

At this time, the young people of the church began to get together to organize a Luther League. After several meetings, the Luther

League was organized on May 14, 1950 at 7:30 P. M. in the Social Building. The Synodical President of the Luther League, Mr. Oscar Lingle, was in charge of the service.

New Altar Hangings were purchased by the joint churches after these hangings were authorized at the January meeting of the Swamp Lutheran Council and Reformed Consistory. On October 1, 1950, the Lutheran congregation dedicated two sets of these hangings, purple and green, and the previous Sunday, the Reformed congregation dedicated two sets, the red and white colors. These lovely paraments truly enhanced the beauty of God's House.

On December 23, 1951, the consecration of four brass offering plates, a gift of Mrs. Amos W. Eberly, took place in church. These beautiful plates also added to the beauty of God's House.

At the church service on February 18, 1951, the Luther League officers were officially installed. Our first Luther League was lead by the following officers: President, Charles Weitzel; Vice President, Anna Rose Diffenbaugh; Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Eckenroad; Treasurer, William M. Schannauer; Life Service Secretary, Mrs. Florence Hickernell; Education Secretary, Clifford Hickernell; Missionary Secretary, Marjorie Brubaker; Fellowship Secretary, Alverta Showalter; Advisor, Harry H. Gring.

Realizing the inadequate facilities of the church for an ever-growing congregation and seeing the need for more and better facilities, our council organized a Steering Committee. This Committee, composed of Mrs. Clarence E. Hagy, Mrs. Elmer Schroeder and the Messrs. Jacob D. Schannauer, Gilbert Gensemer, Galen Walter, Emory Brunner, Robert Hershey, and Harry Gring, held its first meeting on July 21, 1952.

After much deliberation and discussion at many meetings, the Steering Committee reported on April 12, 1953, that they would favor the building of a new church.

The report was enthusiastically received and unanimously endorsed by the Church Council, composed of:

Emory L. Brunner	Paul Shreiner
Milford R. Schannauer	Robert L. Hershey
Elmer J. Schroeder	Samuel Binkley
Oliver Showalter	Gilbert H. Gensemer
William G. Schlappig	Howard B. Lorah
Raymond Long	Harry H. Gring
David E. Yost	John F. Stuber

The congregational meeting held on April 26, 1953, revealed that 138 members favored working toward a new church with 68 members opposed. A committee composed of William Schlappig, chairman; Jacob Schannauer and Paul Shreiner, were appointed to contact Edwin Eberly to purchase 9½ acres of ground. Their report was favorable and at a congregational meeting 151 members favored buying our present site with 36 in opposition.

Ground-Breaking — March 30, 1958

The committee spent much time and preparation in making plans and ideas for the new church, and on April 24, 1955, a congregational meeting was held to engage the services of architect T. Norman Mansell.

Mr. Mansell drew up many sketches and plans for the new church and finally in July of 1956, he came up with a plan for a contemporary church design which was favored by the Council and Pastor Minnich. On July 15, 1956, the congregation, by a vote of 196 to 26, voted to accept the proposed contemporary church design.

The time now came to begin plans for the new Lutheran Sunday School. On January 17, 1958, the first meeting of the Swamp Lutheran Sunday School Planning Committee was held. The appointed members were: Harry Gring, Charles Weitzel, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Schannauer, Mrs. Irene Fisher, Mrs. James Long, Mrs. Alma Eberly, Dale Fisher, Galen Walter, Marvin Bennetch and Harry Lorah.

Bids were given for the building of the new church and on March 9, 1958, the congregation voted to accept the contract for a new church at $177,435.41 from A. L. Gerhart, Contractor, by a vote of 246 in favor and 12 opposed.

On March 30, 1958, neither the cold wind nor drizzling rain could dampen the spirits of those members and friends of the Swamp Lutheran Church who attended the Services for Blessing of the Church Site and Groundbreaking. A large, enthusiastic crowd attended these Services, bringing with them their greatest expectations for this beautiful new church.

On May 18, 1958, the congregation voted favorably to transfer all equities in the church to the United Church of Christ Congregation effective on the day they leave. On this same day the Church Historians were appointed, charged with the responsibility of writing the Swamp Lutheran Church history. These historians were: Mrs. Harry Roseboro, Mrs. Paul Shreiner and Mrs. William M. Schannauer.

One of the important events in the building of the Church was the erection of the pylon in front of the church. This pylon, a three finned concrete tower, sixty-five feet in height, supports the 30 foot cross. These 65 feet fins of concrete were pre-cast near Denver during the summer and the date for their erection was scheduled for July 14, 1958. A large crowd gathered early in the morning to see the huge cranes guide the fins into the deep bed dug for them. The huge cranes were wheeled into location and the work began - - - the first 28 ton fin was erected and secured, and the second was about in position when catastrophe struck! Without warning the one fin crashed to the ground, taking the other with it. By the grace of God no one was injured, but the stately fins were reduced to rubble - - - in fact, during the following week they were buried in the drive-way running in front of the church. It was not until October 20th that the second attempt at erection was made. What rejoicing there was when the final fin was erected and secured and the operation was a success!

On October 5, following the final Communion Service in the old church, the Date Stone Laying Service was held. Many specta-

Pylon Erection and Crash

tors were present to see the presentation of the articles to be placed in this Date Stone. The following articles were placed in the stone:

The Communion Elements presented by the Pastor and Rev. Elmer Leisey who assisted.

The Holy Bible by the Church Council.

The Common Service Book by the Senior Choir.

Luther's Catechism by the Catechetical Class.

A copy of "The Lutheran" by the Luther League.

Baptized membership roll by the mothers who had their children baptized during the preceding week — Mrs. Leroy Hainley, Mrs. Richard Moyer, Mrs. Raymond R. Long, Jr., Mrs. James R. Wenrich, Mrs. Marvin E. Long and Mrs. Leroy A. Fisher.

Scroll of contributors to the Building Fund by Lemon Hershey.

Scroll of the communing members and a copy of the constitution by former members of the Church Council — Arthur Beard, Lloyd Beard, Levi Gensemer, Monroe Gerhart, William G. Gerhart, William H. Gerhart, Gilbert Gensemer, Adam Hoover, Harry K. McQuate, William G. Schlappig, and James Winter.

Committees' names, ground-breaking bulletin and corner-stone laying bulletin by the Building Committee.

1958 coins by Samuel P. Wolfskill.

The Christian and American Flags by members of the D. A. R., Mrs. Bessie Hann and Mrs. Irvin Stautler.

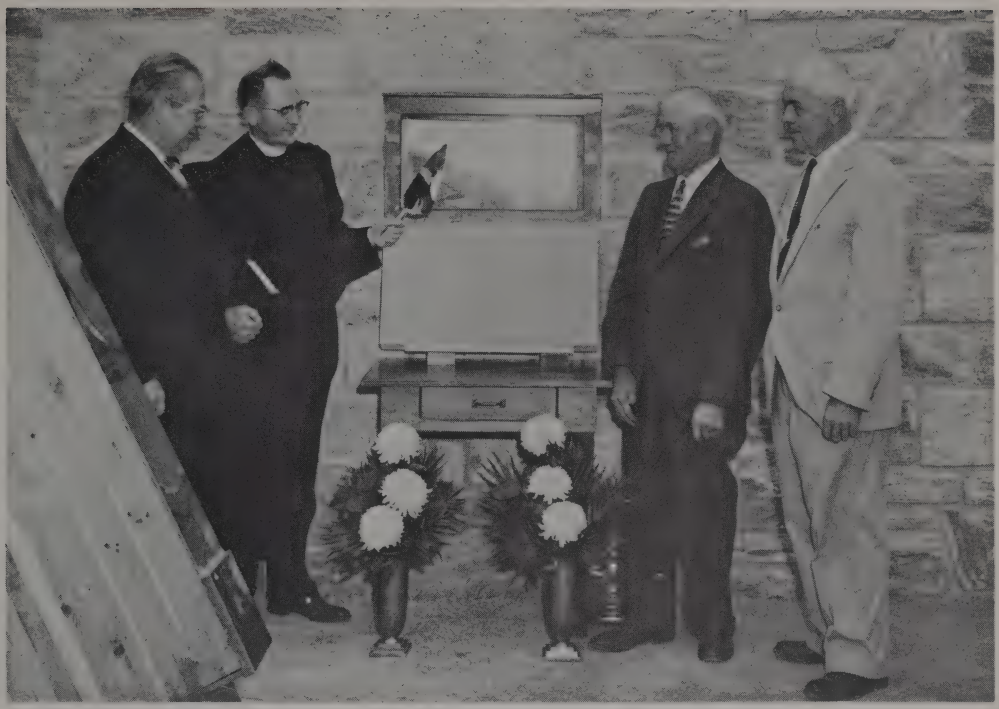
Newspaper clippings of the church by the Junior Choir.

A copy of the deed by Jacob Schannauer and William Schlappig.

A copy of the contract by A. L. Gerhart, Contractor.

A copy of "The Ephrata Review" by the Historian Committee.

With the plans for the new contemporary church and educational buildings well under way, it became necessary to create a teaching and administrative staff for this Church School which would be equipped to carry forth the very latest in teaching and administrative ideas and plans. Feeling the need for help from someone well informed on the latest developments in these fields, the Sunday School Committee decided to call upon Mr. Ira Sassaman, Director of Synodical Christian Education, for advice. Mr. Sassaman graciously consented to come to advise the group, and immediately offered us, not one — but many nights of his time. As soon as the necessary plans were made, he met with the Sunday School Planning Committee and helped to "iron out" many of the immediate problems of the group. He offered to meet with this group again, as well as with the entire administrative staff of the new Church School. Some weeks later, the prospective teaching staff and administrative staff were contacted and informed of a series of three meetings to be conducted by Mr. Sassaman. The meetings were a huge success, having an excellent at-



Date Stone Laying — October 5, 1958

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tendance of enthusiastic open-minded workers. In this series of three meetings, Mr. Sassaman discussed all the phases of the Church School program, including the Nursery Roll through Home Department, with special attention to such subjects as youth activities, home visitation and recreation. After the meetings, Mr. Sassaman scheduled extra meetings with special committees such as the Literature Committee and offered much helpful information and advice to them.

Following Mr. Sassaman's suggestion, after investigating other series of Church School Literature, the Literature Committee agreed that the Christian Growth Series would be the literature used in the Church School. The new idea of electives (courses selected by the individual) was also introduced. After much discussion, it was decided that the adult groups should have five elective courses offered, from which each adult could choose one course per semester. The core of teachers will be a rotating one, with some teachers taking a sixth course (Leadership Training) while others are teaching or taking elective courses.

Following another suggestion of Mr. Sassaman, it was decided that a Board of Christian Education should be formed, this Board being the governing body of the Church School, and the mediator between the Church School and the Church Council. The members of this Committee were selected as follows: two representative members from the Church School — Mrs. J. Richard Kurtz and Mrs. William M. Schannauer; one member from the Congregation-at-large — Mrs. Hattie K. Stautler; and two members from the Church Council — Messrs. Harry Gring and Charles Weitzel. This Committee immediately began working on the plans and policies for the new Church School, at its first meeting in December. Many of the problems and difficulties which arose were discussed and solved at further meetings of this group.

Much credit and praise as well as many thanks are due Mr. Ira Sassaman who gave so willingly of his time and energy to help to build a dynamic Church School. Through his endless enthusiasm and inspiration, the entire staff has been inspired to dedicate themselves to offer the best possible Christian education to our children, youth and adults.

January, 1959, marked the day of the organization of the new Swamp Lutheran Church School. The following is the teaching staff of this newly organized Church School:

Our Church School Wing
(Folding Doors Open)

Church School Rooms Adjacent to Nave

Teaching Staff

THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Wm. Schannauer, *Superintendent*

TODDLERS

Mrs. Adam Hoover, Jr.
Linda McQuate
Richard Lorah
Eileen Long

RUN-ABOUTS

Mrs. Clifford Hickernell
Mrs. Ivan Kramer
Mrs. Leroy Fisher, Jr.
Linda Gring

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Harry Lorah
Salinda Bachman
Edgar Sweigart, Jr.

PRIMARY

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On February 1, 1959, the newly formed Church School elected the following officers for a term of one year:

General Superintendent	Charles I. Weitzel
Assistant	Leroy Fisher, Jr.
Recording Secretary	Samuel Binkley
Assistant	Richard Kurtz
Financial Secretary	James Wagner
Assistant	Ivan Kramer

The enrollment has already mounted from 257 on January 4, the first Sunday, to 330 at the latest count before this history is published. With the avid interest and hard work of the many devoted teachers, staff members, officers, and committees our Church School is now offering wonderful opportunities to the children, youth and adults of the community.

What a glorious history Swamp Lutheran Church has experienced! Perhaps these words inscribed on the United States Archives Building in Washington, D. C., would apply very well to the Swamp Lutheran congregation: "The past is prologue." The history shows us that from its very beginning, Swamp Lutheran Church has had the incentive to be moving ever "onward and upward". God has looked upon this Church and congregation with loving kindness and blessed it richly in the past. As we look to the future of this Church we see a bright horizon of even more glorious things to come! Equipped with a majestic Church and an outstanding educational wing, there can be no limits to the means of carrying God's message of love to the community and the world! In the past, God has looked upon this with love and has nurtured it with tenderness - - - God is now well pleased with the beautiful edifice erected to His honor. Therefore, with the continued love, guidance and divine help of a most gracious God, the future of Swamp Lutheran Church is bright indeed, and can far outshine the glorious achievements of the past!

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We received many splendid gifts toward the building of the church. God will never forget them, even though the donors' names are not recorded here. Organizations and individuals have given so generously of their time and talents without thought of having their efforts recorded. Some gifts, however, have been presented in memory of or in honor of a loved one, or as a gift.

Memorials

PLANTING BOXES, TREE AND SHRUBBERY: North and south side of terrace, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Arzbaecher by Mr. and Mrs. Evan M. Dinger, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Loose, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noll, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Showalter, Mrs. Ammon Noll, and Mrs. Samuel Matthew.

COLORED GLASS PANEL IN FACADE (North): In memory of Norman A. Kramer by Mrs. Mabel M. Kramer.

COLORED GLASS WINDOW IN NAVE: In memory of Mrs. Monroe Dinger by her husband.

COLORED GLASS WINDOW IN NAVE: In memory of Isaac K. Harting by Mrs. Emma Harting.

COLORED GLASS WINDOW IN NAVE: In memory of Alvin W. Mentzer by his family.

THE PULPIT: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Schlappig and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huntzinger by Mr. and Mrs. William G. Schlappig.

THE LECTERN: In memory of Elmer J. Schroeder by Mrs. Gertrude Schroeder.

TWO CANDLESTICKS: In memory of Norman G. Binkley by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shreiner, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Binkley and Mrs. Elsie Binkley.

CREDENCE SHELF: In memory of H. William Ludwig by Mrs. Betty Ludwig.

PULPIT BIBLE: In memory of The Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Knerr by Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Kurtz.

ALTAR SPOT LIGHTS: In memory of Norman B. Mellinger by Mrs. Maggie Mellinger.

MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS (Narthex to Nave): In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Levi K. Keith by Mrs. Maggie Mellinger, Mrs. Harry Walter, and Mrs. Emory Brunner.

NARTHEX SCREEN: In memory of Mrs. Lemon G. Hershey by her husband.

DATE STONE: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Brunner by Harold and Emory Brunner.

ALL FOLDING DOORS: In memory of the Gring Family and the Irvin Binkley Family.

ALTAR VASE: In memory of George S. Gensemer by Mrs. Nettie Gensemer.

ALTAR VASE: In memory of William H. Schannauer by Mrs. Minnie Schannauer.

RECEIVING BASIN: In memory of Howard B. Lorah by Mrs. Mary Lorah.

CHOIR GOWNS AND PASTOR'S ROBE: In memory of Hannah Winter by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winter.

BULLETIN BOARD: In memory of Mrs. Harry M. Mellinger by her husband.

CHOIR PEW: In memory of John Spangler by the Ivan Gehman Family.

6 CHOIR PEWS: In memory of Howard B. Lorah by his family.

NAVE PEW: In memory of Mrs. Minnie H. Yost by the David E. Yost Family.

NAVE PEW: By Mrs. Katie Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoppman, Levi Hoppman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolfensberger, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoppman, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoppman, in memory of their parents.

NAVE PEW: In memory of Harvey L. Foltz by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Sweigart.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: In memory of Henry Clay and Amelia Gring Oberlin by Mary Oberlin Richter.

Gifts

PYLON, CURTAINS AND ALL KITCHENWARE: By the Cooking Group.

ALL BUILDING STONE: By the Oliver S. Showalter Family.

SANCTUARY WINDOW WITH CROSS: By Mr. and Mrs. Amos W. Eberly.

ALTAR AND COMMUNION RAIL: By Mr. and Mrs. Earl O. Gensemer.

BAPTISMAL FONT: By Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winter.

MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS: By The Luther League.

TELEPHONE FOR 10 YEARS: By Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Winter.

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GAME DESIGN (WING): By Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Sweigart.

CLERGY CHAIRS AND GAMES IN WING: By Junior Choir of 1948.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN: By Catechetical Class of 1959.

ORGAN: By the Senior Choir.

MEMORIAL CABINET: By the Mahlon C. Sweigart Family.

The Church Directory

The Pastor: The Rev. Harold F. Minnich
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Associate Architect	Wolfgang Rapp
Contractor	A. L. Gerhart, Ephrata, Pa.

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Excavating	Earl Grant, Denver, R. D. 1, Pa.
Concrete and Cement Blocks	Kurtz Bros. Concrete, Inc., Ephrata, Pa.
Pylon	Kurtz Precast Corp., Ephrata, Pa.
Cement Finishing	Richard Burkholder, Ephrata, Pa.
Structural Steel	N. E. Martin, Leola, Pa.
Bricks	Glen Gery Shale Brick Corp., Ephrata, Pa.
Brick Work	M. E. Gerhart Sons, Stevens, R. D. 1, Pa.
Stone Work	James M. Smith, Lititz, R. D. 4, Pa.
Date Stone and Cast Benches	Consolidated Stone Co., Reading, Pa.
Tile Work and Flag Stone	Quality Tile Co., Reading, Pa.
Roofing Tile	Kleckner Bros., Inc., Reading, Pa.
Sheet Metal and Built Up Roofing	Gooding, Simpson & Mackes, Ephrata, Pa.
Roof Deck and Laminated Arches	Timber Structures, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.
Lumber	Reinholds Lumber & Supply Co., Reinholds, Pa
Millwork	Keath Planing Mill Co., Lititz, Pa.
Hardware	Murta Appleton Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Aluminum Windows	War Aluminum Windows, Newark, N. J.
Chancel Windows	Industrial Engineering Works, Trenton, N. J.
Toilet Partitions	Cutler Metal Products Co., Camden, N. J.
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Nave and Chancel Furniture	New Holland Planing Mill, New Holland, Pa.
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Organ	Allen Organ Co., Inc., Macungie, Pa.
Curtains	Wilbur Weik, Lebanon, Pa.
Church School Furniture and Supplies	L. B. Herr & Son, Lancaster, Pa. Eitnier & Hoffman, Ephrata, Pa. Furnishings & Equipment Co., Conshohocken, P

Dedication Week

Sunday, March 15 — The Dedication Service

10:30 A. M.

Sermon by The Rev. Beryl B. Maurer, Ph. D., *Director, Survey and Research, Synodical Home Missions and Rural Church Work.*

Sunday, March 15 — Vespers

7:30 P. M.

Sermon by The Rev. Dwight F. Putman, D.D., *President of the Central Pennsylvania Synod.*

Monday, March 16 — Community Night

7:30 P. M.

Sermon by the Rev. C. Nevin Stamm, *Pastor of Swamp United Church of Christ.*

Greetings by The Rev. W. E. Waybright, The Rev. Ronald R. Krick, The Rev. George E. Showalter and Bishop Peter N. Gress.

Tuesday, March 17 — Parish Night

7:30 P. M.

Guest Speakers: The Rev. James B. Miller, *Pastor of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church, Robesonia* — The Rev. Richard E. Geib, *Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam* — The Rev. Elmer L. Leisey, D.D., *Supply Pastor of the Lincoln Lutheran Parish.*

Wednesday, March 18 — Memorial Night

7:30 P. M.

Sermon by The Rev. Roy L. Winters, Ph. D., *Home Mission Superintendent of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.*

Thursday, March 19 — Synodical Night

7:30 P. M.

Sermon by The Rev. Martin L. Tozer, D.D., *Superintendent, Synodical Home Missions and Rural Church Work of the Central Pennsylvania Synod.*

Friday, March 20 — Conference Night

7:30 P. M.

Sermon by The Rev. Raymond L. Fetter, *President of the Lancaster Conference.*

Greetings by The Rev. John R. Albright, *Secretary of the Lancaster Conference.*

Saturday, March 21

Confirmation and Preparatory Services

7:00 P. M.

Sermon by The Pastor.

Palm Sunday, March 22 — The Holy Communion

10:30 A. M., 4:00 and 7:30 P. M.

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